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FMTF Freight Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

**Time: 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. EST**

**Where: Web conference**

**Attendees List:**

**Ameera Sayeed FDOT District 2**

**Thomas Hill FDOT Central Office**

**Frank Tabatabaee FDOT Central Office**

**Holly Munroe FDOT Central Office**

**Joel Worrell FDOT Central Office**

**Rickey Fitzgerald FDOT Central Office**

**Min-Tang Li FDOT District 4**

**Jeremy Upchurch FDOT District 4**

**Jim Wikstrom FDOT District 5**

**Daniel Beagan Cambridge Systematics**

**Sheri Coven Marlin Engineering**

**Naveen Eluru UCF**

**Makarand Gawade RS&H**

**Sung-Ryong Han BCC Engineering**

**Sheldon Harrison Cambridge Systematics**

**Li Jin Kittelson & Associates**

**Steven Lawe RSG**

**Rodrigo Mesa-Arango FIT**

**Maren Outwater RSG**

**Zahra Pourabdollahi RS&H**

**Santanu Roy HDR**

**Rob Schiffer Stantec**

**Krishnan Viswanathan Cambridge Systematics**

**Yongqiang Wu Gannett Fleming**

**Heather Lupton AECOM**

**Lauren Rushing HDR**

Ameera Sayeed began the meeting. – 3:04pm

**Item 1: Motor Carrier System Plan**

* Developed the first Statewide Freight Plan, which brought on the idea to do a Motor Carrier System Plan.
  + Nothing had been done holistically to look at the freight/truck side.
* The motor carrier system plan was developed in order to take the next step in addressing mobility for motor carriers, specifically.
* Two main groups for stakeholder outreach
  + Internal working group will act as an informal steering committee to advise the project team.
  + External business forums will allow industry stakeholders to provide their expertise and input.
    - Trying to reach out to trucking companies.
      * This has been the focus of many of the online survey efforts.
        + The online survey deadline will be extended to March 18.
  + Have already had working group and business forum meetings
    - Business forum #1 was held in Pensacola to try to address cross-border issues.
* Reviewing motor carrier planning across the nation, with a historical focus on infrastructure.
  + Some focused on regulatory matters (i.e., weigh stations, permitting)
* Continuing to gather data from the critical issues survey.

**Action Item:**

* **Send out Motor Carrier Plan presentation to the committee.**
* **Contact Holly Munroe (**[**Holly.Munroe@dot.state.fl.us**](mailto:Holly.Munroe@dot.state.fl.us)**) if you have any questions or feedback.**

**Item 2: Freight Data**

* Identifying and evaluating freight datasets and coordinating with the Data Committee are the main areas of focus of this subcommittee.
* We are at the verge of a paradigm shift regarding data (e.g., Bluetooth)
  + We are relying on different data sets every day in both public and private sectors.
* The goal is to build on to efforts that we have already made in data collection, use, and evaluation.
* There are some challenges that come with various data sets (e.g., proprietary issues, differing data, etc.)
* This subcommittee’s purpose is to bridge the disconnect between the Freight and Data Committees.

**Action Item:**

* **Contact Santanu Roy (**[**Santanu.Roy@hdrinc.com**](mailto:Santanu.Roy@hdrinc.com)**) if you would like to become part of the Freight Data subcommittee.**

**Item 3: District and MPO Freight Modeling**

* The subcommittee champion Paul Flavien was unable to attend the meeting.

**Action Item:**

* **Contact Paul Flavien (**[**flavienp@browardmpo.org**](mailto:flavienp@browardmpo.org)**) if you would like to become part of the District and MPO Freight Modeling subcommittee.**

**Item 4: Economic Aspects of Freight**

* There is a need to incorporate economic measures and models into freight modeling.
* Dr. Rodrigo Mesa-Arango has volunteered to work with the Economics subcommittee.
  + His research is focused on logistics and freight modeling.
* As an objective, we would like to go to an address-level to incorporate economic returns in freight modeling.
  + Need to identify the economic impacts on freight transportation.
  + Would like to determine measures to quantify these economic impacts.

**Action Item:**

* **Contact Zahra Pourabdollahi (**[**Zahra.Pourabdollahi@rsandh.com**](mailto:Zahra.Pourabdollahi@rsandh.com)**) if you would like to become part of the Freight Economics subcommittee.**

**Item 5: FreightSIM**

* Want to make FreightSIM an integral part of the policy making process.
* We need to understand how FreightSIM could be incorporated into local/MPO models.
  + What are the data and modifications needs?
* We also need to determine the policy applications
* Also need to address the applicability of 4-step and ABM models for FreightSIM.

**Action Item:**

* **Contact Krishnan Viswanathan (**[**KViswanathan@camsys.com**](mailto:KViswanathan@camsys.com)**) if you would like to become part of the FreightSIM subcommittee.**

**Item 6: National and Regional Modeling**

* Plan to do a scan of “best practices” across the country/other regions/MPOs and identify those that we would like to integrate into Florida’s FreightSIM.
* We would take a more holistic view of where Florida stands from a regional/national perspective.
* Also need to look at the other subcommittee efforts moving ahead.
* This subcommittee will serve to draw awareness to activities outside of Florida.

**Action Item:**

* **Contact Stephen Lawe (**[**Stephen.Lawe@rsginc.com**](mailto:Stephen.Lawe@rsginc.com)**) if you would like to become part of the National and Regional Modeling subcommittee.**

**Item 7: Discussion**

* Central Office will not have funds to put on another Model Task Force meeting until sometime after July when the new funding arrives.
  + We can target a summer or early fall date.
* In order to have direction before the next Model Task Force meeting, an end of May target date for subcommittees to have their objectives.
  + It’s most important to have direction by May, not necessarily a product.

**Action Item:**

* **Each subcommittee needs to have objectives for moving forward by the end of May.**

Meeting adjourned – 4:02pm